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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in June increased by 4,490 workers from the May level. The 23,570 jobless workers represented 5.0 percent of the civilian labor force of 471,010. Last month the rate was 4.1 percent and a year ago the rate was 3.1 percent. Nationally unadjusted rates were 7.8 in June, 7.0 in May and 6.0 percent in Juen 1979.

The civilian labor force increased by 6,710 during the month. There was a gain of 19,290 from a year ago.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in June was 247.6 (14.3 percent above a year ago). The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in June was 247.8 (14.4 percent above a year ago).

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural payroll employment increased 4,150 in June, about half the rise experienced in 1979. At 390,050, payroll employemnt was only 2,700 above a year ago including 900 workers involved in labor-management disputes. Manufacturing continued to reflect the weakening prevailing in the national economy, particularly in auto-related industries and in home furnishings. At 114,750 in June factory jobs were down 200 over the month and 3,000 over the year. Job gains of 1,100 in machinery, 400 in electrical and 200 in primary metals were not sufficient to offset the overall loss in manufacturing jobs, particularly nondurables.

Construction employment continues to reflect the slowdown in home building and layoffs at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project. At 21,200 in June, construction employment is 1,050 below the 1979 level.

The service-producing sector gained 3,800 jobs over the month and 6,850 over the year. Month to month gains of 1,400 in trade and 2,200 in services reflected the beginning of the summer tourist season which this year appears to have gotten off to a good start. In 1979, gasoline shortages were a deterrent, particularly in spring months and the early weeks of summer. Trade and services had a combined over-the-year increase of 3,000 jobs as compared to 2,000 in 1979.

Although government employment at 64,250 in June was unchanged from May, there was an over-the-year gain of 2,600. Bureau of the Census workers accounted for most of the year-to-year rise in Federal government.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	471,010	464,300	451,720	6,710	19,290
2. Unemployment	23,570	19,080	13,780	4,490	9,790
Percent of labor force	5.0	4.1	3.1		
3. Employment total	447,440	445,220	437,050	2,220	10,390
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	890	0	-890
Nonagr. wage & salary**	390,050	385,900	386,450	4,150	3,600
Manufacturing	114,750	114,950	117,750	-200	-3,000
Durable goods	71,850	71,850	71,000	0	850
Lumber & wood prods.	4,800	4,750	5,200	50	-400
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,750	1,900	0	-150
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,900	3,200	-50	-350
Primary metal prods.	3,500	3,450	3,300	50	200
Fabricated metal prods.	7,050	7,050	7,100	0	-50
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,400	22,450	21,300	-50	1,100
Electrical prods.	18,900	18,950	18,500	-50	400
Miscellaneous prods.	2,100	2,050	1,950	50	150
Other durable goods	8,500	8,500	8,550	0	-50
Nondurable goods	42,900	43,100	46,750	-200	-3,850
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	3,200	0	-300
Textile mill prods.	4,650	4,800	5,450	-150	-800
Apparel	2,700	2,800	2,800	-100	-100
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,550	6,550	0	0
Print., pub. & allied	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Leather & lea. prods.	10,000	10,050	10,800	-50	-800
Other nondurable goods	10,200	10,100	11,850	100	-1,650
Nonmanufacturing	275,300	270,950	268,700	4,350	6,600
Construction (inc. min.)	21,200	20,650	21,450	550	-250
Trans., comm. & util	14,000	13,900	13,800	100	200
Trade	86,150	84,750	84,600	1,400	1,550
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,900	19,800	18,850	100	1,050
Service industry & other	69,800	67,600	68,350	2,200	1,450
Government	64,250	64,250	61,650	0	2,600
Federal	12,550	12,400	11,500	150	1,050
State	16,550	16,900	15,300	-350	1,250
Local	35,150	34,950	34,850	200	300

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	June 1980		June 1979		June			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979	Unemployment	Labor Force
United States**	8,291	7.8	6,235	6.0	106,067	104,153	2,056	1,914
New Hampshire	23,570	5.0	13,780	3.1	471,010	451,720	9,790	19,290
Labor Market Area								
Berlin	1,020	5.7	1,020	5.7	17,920	17,890	0	30
Claremont	1,730	4.7	1,170	3.3	36,590	35,780	560	810
Concord	1,900	4.4	1,320	3.1	43,000	42,220	580	780
Dover	2,590	5.6	1,330	3.0	46,490	44,430	1,250	2,060
Keene	1,480	4.0	760	2.1	37,320	35,620	720	1,700
Laconia	1,760	4.2	380	2.2	42,020	40,480	880	1,540
Littleton	1,060	7.4	550	4.0	14,270	13,800	510	470
Manchester	4,220	5.1	2,570	3.2	82,130	79,870	1,650	2,260
Nashua	3,840	4.9	2,040	2.8	78,020	73,080	1,800	4,940
Portsmouth	2,640	5.6	1,310	2.9	47,430	44,470	1,330	2,960
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA***	1,330	5.2	830	3.4	25,820	24,080	500	1,740
County								
Belknap	950	4.5	540	2.6	21,310	20,570	410	740
Carroll	620	4.9	260	2.1	12,630	12,150	360	480
Cheshire	1,340	4.0	680	2.1	33,300	31,760	660	1,540
Coos	850	5.2	970	5.9	16,310	16,420	-120	-110
Grafton	1,830	5.5	1,090	3.3	33,570	32,620	740	950
Hillsborough	7,450	5.2	4,210	3.1	143,220	136,300	3,240	6,920
Merrimack	2,180	4.4	1,360	2.8	49,950	48,800	820	1,150
Rockingham	4,990	5.0	2,800	3.0	99,550	94,270	2,190	5,280
Strafford	2,320	5.5	1,180	2.9	42,270	40,400	1,140	1,870
Sullivan	1,040	5.5	690	3.7	18,900	18,430	350	470

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	June 1980	May 1980	October 1979 to June 1980
Total applications for employment	5,598	5,846	63,634
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,120	2,227	18,145
Placements - job openings filled	1,433	1,238	11,536
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,369	1,482	XXX
Placements - nonagricultural	1,433	1,238	11,536
Berlin	95	35	724
Claremont	66	84	619
Concord	137	119	1,146
Dover	85	71	1,060
Keene	109	130	947
Laconia	99	122	907
Littleton	86	81	555
Manchester	209	242	2,149
Nashua	134	146	1,390
Portsmouth	413	208	2,039

*Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings.

The total number of applications for employment filed at New Hampshire Job Service offices in June decreased by 248, or 4.2 percent over the previous month to 5,598. Twenty-five percent of the active applicants were under age 22, with 39 percent female. By highest school grade completed 68 percent of the active file had 12 years or more formal education or its equivalent. Veterans comprised 21 percent of the active file with approximately 40 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Placements from the previous month showed increases in Berlin, Concord, Littleton and Portsmouth. The total increase in placements advanced by 124 from May. The number of unfilled job openings at the end of June was 1,369, down 113 from the previous month. This figure includes part-time, seasonal and other openings. Approximately 39 percent of the openings filled were in trade and services, 35 percent in manufacturing, 31 percent in clerical and sales, 14 percent in structual and 11 percent in benchwork.

Nonagricultural employer visits in June were at the same level as May (449) and slightly below a year ago (451). The number of major market visits fell 48.7 percent from May and 37.7 percent below June 1979. Telephone contacts were down 19 percent from last month but were 37 percent above a year ago.

Counseling sessions increased slightly over the month from 538 to 553 in June. Job development contacts at 749 decreased by 120 from last month and by 181 from a year ago. The Job Service personnel made five job referrals for each placement recorded. Activity in job placements decreased over the year in all the local offices except Littleton and Portsmouth.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	7,810	32,690	33	164	18	59	115	615
Berlin	441	2,654	1	10		5	11	96
Claremont	411	1,730	2	17	2	1	8	35
Concord	855	3,073	1	13	9	24	10	19
Dover	1,387	4,820	5	48	1	1	18	149
Keene	479	1,690	5	14	2	4	4	21
Laconia	722	2,822	2	8	3	17	8	55
Littleton	428	1,810		1			3	27
Manchester	1,505	6,697	7	21	1	5	22	77
Nashua	810	3,191	1	5			11	51
Portsmouth	772	3,537	9	27		2	20	85
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	463	3,39[illegible]						
Local Government	32	78						

The average weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment was $87.71 in June.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	May 1980	May 1979	Percent change
Total - all industries	7,708	3,734	106.4
Manufacturing	2,848	1,402	103.1
Durable goods	1,107	706	56.8
Electrical products	187	207	- 9.7
Machinery	99	129	- 23.3
Lumber & wood pds.	29[illegible]	164	79.9
All other durable	526	206	155.3
Nondurable goods	1,741	696	150.1
Leather & lea. pds.	664	274	142.3
Textiles	218	48	354.2
Paper & paper prods.	139	116	19.8
Printing & allied	64	35	82.9
Apparel	57	129	- 55.8
Rubber & plastic pds.	560	75	646.7
Other nondurable	39	19	105.3
Nonmanufacturing	4,860	2,332	108.4
Construction	2,166	690	213.9
Trade	1,266	695	82.2
Services	944	697	35.4
All other nonmfg.	484	250	93.6

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including May 12, 1980. Insured unemployed decreased 253 from April to 7,708 in May of which 2,732 or 35 percent were female. Compared to a year ago, insured unemployed increased 3,974 or 106 percent. Thirty-three percent of 2,578 of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks duration while 50 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks duration. Approximately 35 percent were between the ages of 25 and 34. Overall, almost three quarters were under 45 years of age. Nonmanufacturing contained 63 percent of the insured unemployed of which construction accounted for 45 percent. In May, structural led all occupational categories with 2,025 or 26 percent followed by benchwork (1,246), clerical ans sales (1,082), miscellaneous (942) and professional, technical and managerial (873).

FUND BALANCE: There was $82,022,336.29 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of May. Net contribution Fund amounted to $6,104,489.32 and net benefits paid during the month amounted to $2,678,993.04.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979	May 1980	Apr. 1980	May 1979
Manufacturing	5.0	4.6	6.9	3.6	3.7	5.7	4.9	5.5	6.0	2.8	3.0	4.2	1.3	1.6	0.8
Durable goods	3.2	3.4	5.2	2.6	3.0	4.9	3.8	3.5	4.5	2.1	2.2	3.5	1.0	0.6	0.2
Lmbr. & wood pds.	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Furn. & fixtures	**	3.5	6.5	**	2.9	6.1	**	4.7	6.3	**	3.2	3.9	**	0.6	0.6
Stone & clay pds.	3.9	6.5	6.8	2.9	6.0	6.8	4.4	5.8	5.8	3.4	5.0	5.5	0.2	0.4	*
Prim. metal pds.	2.7	3.3	6.5	2.7	3.2	6.3	3.3	2.8	5.4	2.0	1.9	4.2	0.3	0.2	*
Fab. metal pds.	2.6	2.9	6.2	1.6	2.8	5.9	5.4	5.2	6.3	1.9	2.0	5.0	2.7	2.7	0.5
Electrical pds.	3.6	4.1	6.9	3.0	3.7	6.4	3.6	4.1	5.1	2.4	2.7	4.0	0.5	0.6	0.2
Misc. prods.	5.7	5.1	9.8	4.7	4.2	9.3	6.8	6.3	7.1	3.4	5.0	5.3	2.4	0.1	0.1
Mach. & other	2.9	2.5	3.1	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.2	2.9	1.6	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.1	0.1
Nondurable goods	8.1	6.7	9.6	5.3	4.7	7.0	6.8	8.7	8.2	4.0	4.3	5.3	1.7	3.4	1.7
Food & kindred	15.0	4.0	10.2	5.3	3.8	8.2	3.5	13.9	5.7	2.8	4.1	5.1	**	9.1	*
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	5.7	7.0	13.6	4.5	5.8	6.3	8.3	9.5	13.7	4.4	5.3	5.3	1.9	2.4	6.6
Paper & allied	1.5	1.1	3.3	1.3	0.9	2.5	1.9	1.7	2.9	0.9	1.1	2.2	0.6	0.2	0.2
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Lea. & lea. pds.	14.1	9.8	11.2	12.6	8.7	9.2	9.6	9.9	10.0	7.8	7.2	7.9	0.4	1.7	1.1
Lea. tan & fin.	7.5	3.9	8.5	7.4	3.9	7.9	5.1	5.7	7.8	4.4	4.6	6.3	**	**	1.0
Footwear	14.5	10.8	11.2	12.3	9.3	9.2	10.6	10.7	10.4	8.6	7.5	8.1	0.5	2.2	1.2
Other nondurable	7.2	8.3	9.5	2.0	3.1	8.2	7.6	11.0	7.2	2.7	3.4	5.5	4.1	6.5	0.1

*Less than 0.05 rate

**Not published inadequate sample

The above data on turnover rates are a weighed series based on reports from 311 cooperating establishments representing 59 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including May 12, 1980. Accessions and separations are compiled for the entire calendar month.

Additions to manufacturing payrolls were more extensive in May than in April due primarily to recalls of workers on temporary layoff in food products and in leather products. Although the overall accession rate of 5.0 per 100 workers in May exceeded well below the 6.9 rate recorded in May 1979. The new hire rate edged down in May from 3.7 to 3.6 per 100 workers. Most of the new hiring activity occurred in food products and in leather products.

The overall rate of separations dropped from 5.5 in April to 4.9 per 100 workers in May. The quit rate and layoffs both declined in May. Quits at 2.8 per 100 were below the 4.2 rate of a year ago. Layoffs at 1.3 per 100 exceeded the 0.8 rate in May 1979.

National rates in May were 3.3 accessions per 100 employers, and 2.1 new hires. Separations were 4.8 per 100 with quits at 1.5 and layoffs at 2.5 per 100 employees.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
All manufacturing	$229.65	$228.23	$213.73	39.8	39.9	40.1	$5.77	$5.72	$5.33
Durable goods	235.57	235.53	218.02	40.2	40.4	40.3	5.86	5.83	5.41
Lumber & wood pds.	192.62	191.29	185.76	36.9	37.0	38.3	5.22	5.17	4.85
Furniture & fixtures	201.29	201.47	186.90	40.5	40.7	38.3	4.97	4.95	4.88
Stone & clay pds.	241.79	248.02	210.27	39.9	41.2	39.9	6.06	6.02	5.27
Primary metal pds.	256.82	255.65	233.28	43.9	43.7	43.2	5.85	5.85	5.40
Fab. metal prods.	237.63	233.86	225.09	40.9	40.6	41.0	5.81	5.76	5.49
Mach. (exc. elec.)	252.76	256.65	239.13	41.3	41.8	42.1	6.12	6.14	5.68
Electrical prods.	226.16	226.06	209.08	39.4	39.8	39.3	5.74	5.68	5.32
Miscellaneous pds.	185.82	187.88	170.25	38.0	38.5	37.5	4.89	4.88	4.54
Other durable	248.98	243.32	224.87	39.9	39.5	39.8	6.24	6.16	5.65
Nondurable goods	219.74	216.45	207.23	39.1	39.0	39.7	5.62	5.55	5.22
Food & kindred pds.	314.42	312.64	285.02	41.1	41.3	42.1	7.65	7.57	6.77
Textile mill prods.	196.95	189.14	178.09	39.0	38.6	39.4	5.05	4.90	4.52
Apparel	164.42	161.88	164.82	36.7	37.3	38.6	4.48	4.34	4.27
Paper & allied pds.	307.56	307.37	301.25	46.6	46.5	48.2	6.60	6.61	6.25
Print.,pub. & allied	229.15	225.94	225.41	37.2	37.1	38.4	6.16	6.09	5.87
Leather & lea. prods.	162.69	159.81	150.65	35.6	35.2	35.7	4.57	4.54	4.22
Lea. tan. & fin.	268.16	256.46	248.39	41.9	41.1	42.1	6.40	6.24	5.90
Footwear	153.82	151.73	141.80	35.2	34.8	35.1	4.37	4.36	4.04
Other nondurable	228.31	224.76	215.32	39.5	39.5	39.8	5.78	5.69	5.41

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 379 cooperating establishments representing 65 percent of an estimated 84,280 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including June 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for June are on a preliminary basis.

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers rose five cents in June to $5.77 and were 44 cents above the June 1979 level. Average weekly earnings were $229.65 in June, up $1,42 from May and $15.92 over the year.

The average workweek continued to drop in June edging down 0.1 hour to 39.8 hours. The manufacturing workweek has shortened by 0.6 hour since the beginning of the year. In durable goods, the workweek was down 0.2 hour from May and 11 hours from January. The workweek edged up 0.1 hour in June for nondurables but dropped 0.5 hour since the beginning of the year.

Year ago comparison show an overall rise of 8.2 percent in hourly earnings, a shortening of the workweek of 0.3 hour and a net rise in weekly earnings of 7.4 percent. Durable goods industries had an average rise of 8.3 percent in hourly earnings a reduction in the workweek of 0.1 hour and a gain in weekly earnings of 8.0 percent. In nondurables, hourly earnings rose 7.7 percent, the hours of work went down 0.6 hour and weekly earnings increased 6.0 percent.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers					
Revised Index					
Current month - June	247.8				
Percent in 12 months	14.8				
Year average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8
All Urban Consumers					
New Index					
Current month - June	247.6				
Percent in 12 months	14.3				
Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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